

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2008. In view of these amendments and remarks the application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. No new matter is introduced by this amendment. Claims 2 and 11, and Figs. 1 and 18 are amended to correct informalities.

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. Claims 1-14 are allowed. Claim 15 is rejected. Claims 2 and 11 are amended in this response. Claim 15 is canceled in this response.

Objections to the Specification

The disclosure is objected to because drawing numerals 1a, 1e, 62, 119, 131, 132, and 141 are not found in the specification. This objection is traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof respectfully requested.

Drawing numeral 1a is disclosed on page 5, line 14 of the specification. Drawing numeral 1e is disclosed on page 7, line 8 of the specification. Drawing numeral 62 is disclosed on page 9, line 8 of the specification. Drawing numeral 119 is disclosed on page 10, line 22 of the specification.

Drawing numerals 131, 132, and 141 have been deleted from Figs. 1 and 18.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by either Kanai et al. (US 2001/0021468), Ueno et al. (US 2001/0001287), or Neutzler et al. (WO 00/65676). These rejections are traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof respectfully requested.

Claim 15 has been canceled, therefore these rejections are moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14 are allowed.

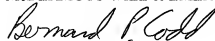
Applicants greatly appreciate the indication of allowed claims. Claim 15 has been canceled. Therefore, only allowed claims remain pending in this application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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